

REMARKS

By the above actions, the specification and claims 37, 58, and 65 have been amended and claim 49 cancelled. In view of these actions and the following remarks, reconsideration of this application is requested.

The objection to the specification has been addressed by correction of the error in the reference number for the flap, change number "19" to number "16" as used for the flap elsewhere in paragraph [0037]. Thus, this objection should be withdrawn

The Examiner's indications of allowable subject matter on page 6 of the Office Action have been noted with appreciation. Based thereon, claim 37 has been amended so as to constitute claim 49 rewritten in allowable independent form and so as to address the issue raised by the Examiner relative to definiteness of claim 37 and the completeness of the claims, and claims 58 and 65 have also been placed in allowable independent form by incorporation of claim 37 with the noted corrections made thereto and with the antecedent basis defect in claim 58 corrected. Therefore, the § 112 and § 102 rejections should be withdrawn, and furthermore, since all of the remaining claims depend from one of the now-allowable independent claims (including withdrawn claims 44, 45, and 55-57), the non-elected claims should be rejoined and allowed along with all of the claims to the elected embodiment.

While it is believed that the present application should now be in condition for allowance in the absence of the discovery of new and more relevant prior art. However, should any issue be found to be unresolved or should any new issue arise, and the examiner believe that could be resolved and the prosecution advanced by discussing same with applicants' representative, then the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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